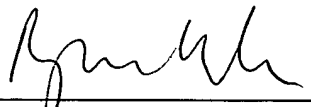


**Remarks**

Applicants have amended claim 18 to make it consistent with the specification.

This response is being filed within one month of the Office Communication and therefore it is believed that no fee is due. If that is incorrect, any fee due may be charged to Deposit Account no. 08-2442.

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